

EMT Training Rulemaking Update, March 1, 2007

The purpose of the EMT Training Rulemaking is to:

1. Clarify whom an on-line medical director may allow to relay on-line medical direction;
2. Require training on epinephrine auto-injector administration in the Arizona EMT-B Course and the Arizona EMT-B Refresher;
3. Require Arizona EMT-P Course students to complete, during clinical training and field training, the competencies identified in 9 A.A.C. 25, Article 3, Exhibit C;
4. Correct the URLs for the NHTSA National Standard Curricula incorporated by reference in Article 3;
5. Establish qualifications for supplemental skill training instructors in a new R9-25-513; and
6. Repeal R9-25-509, the rule that makes epinephrine auto-injector administration an optional skill for EMT-Bs.

From January 24 through February 28, 2007, ADHS accepted informal public comment on the Training Rulemaking drafts. ADHS received no comments on the Training Rulemaking drafts and now intends to file a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the regular rulemaking portion of the EMT Training Rulemaking (items 1-4 above) by the end of March 2007. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking would then be published in April 2007, commencing a formal public comment period that would include an oral proceeding in Phoenix in May 2007. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, including information on the oral proceeding and how to submit formal written comments, will be made available at

http://www.azdhs.gov/diro/admin_rules/emt_training.htm shortly after its publication.

ADHS intends to file a Notice of Exempt Rulemaking for items 5 and 6 above so that those changes will take effect at the same time as the changes in the regular rulemaking.

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